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TO

: Chief, FBIS Okinawa Bureau

DATE: 21 OCT 1971

FROM

: Col Webb

Deputy Director, Plans & Operations, USARYIS

SUBJECT: Assignment of FBIS Bureau, Okinawa (S)

Following summarization of recent message dispatched by this Headquarters is provided for your information:

- 1. (S) Recent message traffic between this and higher headquarters has resulted in DA authorizing assignment of the FBIS Okinawa Bureau to USARYIS. The latest message received made reference to HQ, USFJ Policy Letter Number 20-4, 29 Jan 68, as a type vehicle to be used to affect assignment, and requested all concerned be informed of effective date and administrative details of assignment.
- 2. (U) USARYIS Brief of Policy 210-15, dated 1 Oct 71, is quoted for information of ALCON:

PURPOSE: To state the mission and responsibilities of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service/U.S. Army Ryukyu Islands (USAFBIS) Okinawa Bureau.

- 1. (U) General. The USAFBIS Okinawa Bureau is assigned to Headquarters, United States Army, Ryukyu Islands. Administration and support shall be in accordance with existing United States directives and/or mutual agreement between USAFBIS Okinawa Bureau and other military component commanders concerned.
- 2. (U) Responsibilities: USAFBIS is responsible for the acquisition and dissemination of information and reports pertaining to foreign broadcasts which concern the United States and the mission of US Forces on Okinawa.
- 3. (U) It should be noted that wording used is based on precedent established in HQ, USFJ Policy Letter 20-4.
- 4. (C) Change in designation of FBIS Okinawa Bureau is being kept low key; however, at urging of GOJ representatives signs on the Operations Building and in the housing area are being changed to

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reflect new designation indicated in Para. 2. For your information, GOJ Prepcom Counselor Murazumi has asked, apparently on instruction, that language used in Facilities and Areas List A, published at time of Reversion Agreement signing, be used on signs; namely, Bolo Point Army Annex and Army Housing Annex in case of Kadena housing.

- 5. (U) No press release is planned concerning this action. However, in response to queries questioning the assignment of FBIS to USARYIS, this HQ proposes to respond that FBIS is a DOD sponsored activity and is being further assigned to USARYIS to provide more efficient administrative support. Prior support of this nature was provided by all military services on Okinawa. This action consolidates management of administrative support into one headquarters.
- 6. (U) In view of public relations aspects of this action, it is recommended as a minimum that COMUSJAPAN, AMEMB TOKYO, CINCPAC and DA be informed soonest, specifically those information aspects in Para. 5.

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